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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under the bill, no one may practice genetic counseling or use the title "genetic counselor" without a license to practice genetic counseling. A license is granted by a seven-member Genetic Counselors Affiliated Credentialing Board, created under the bill. The bill also requires the board to promulgate rules to adopt the National Society of Genetic Counselors code of ethics to govern the professional conduct of genetic counselors, establish licensure renewal requirements, and establish criteria for the approval of continuing education programs and courses. These requirements largely fall to the Department of Safety and Professional Services.

This bill adds genetic counselors to the list of health care providers under Wis. Stat. ch. 155, which is overseen by the Department of Health Services. Adopting this change will not result in any fiscal impact on the Department.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications